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SOME OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS.

D. A. KING.

THE postal service of the British-American Provinces, until the year 1851, were directly under the control of the English P. O. Department. This, with the high rate of postage, the insufficient mail accommodation, and the stringent laws against a private person carrying or delivering a letter on the post road, was the cause of innumerable complaints on the part of the colonies, and gave the English P. O. officials the trouble of sending out long despatches.

The Colonies compained that the English P. O. took a large amount of revenue, derived from the postal service, which the Colonies were not able to lose out of the country. The English officials said that there was an annual deficit in Nova Scotia alone of £2,000 per annum. This state of things existed for years, and every annual report of the P. O. Commissioners, which was laid on the table of the Local Legislature, was full of complaints under this head. To give a specimen from one of the reports of these P. O. Commissions, the following is extracted from their annual report for the year for 1844 in Nova Scotia. After speaking in favour of a large reduction in postal rates, they say: "This, with the use of post stamps from dies authorized by the proper authorities, would render the transit of letters and papers less complicated and give the relief required by the people."

To this no answer was returned till some time in 1845, when a long despatch was received from the Postmaster-General of Great Britain, Lord Lonsdale, who thus gives his department's views of the issue of postage stamps for Nova Scotia as follows:—"The suggestion that postage stamps for letters should be introduced into Nova Scotia, is one which I cannot recommend your Lordship (Viscount Falkland, then Governor of Nova Scotia,) to entertain, as I cannot but consider that considerable objections exist to such a measure, and particularly from the facility which it would afford to the circulation of forged stamps, with but little chance of detection, while it is believed that the offence, if committed in the United Kingdom, could not be punished in the Colony, while on the other hand if committed in the Colony, it could be visited with no penalty on parties in the United Kingdom." This will give some idea of the narrow-mindedness of the English postal administration of that time.

As a specimen of the postal accommodation of the Province, see this—from Halifax to Truro, by the coach road, was a distance of 83 miles, and

between those two points there were only two post offices for all the people between these places. The mail couriers were not allowed to deliver mail on the way.

At last by a united effort of all the Colonies (Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and P. E. Island,) the English government turned over the postal administration to the different Provincial governments. From this date, July 1st, 1851, the interesting part of the postal history of these Provinces commence.

In the Post Office Department's Letter Book, the first reference to postage stamps is in the following letter:

"HALIFAX, April 21st, 1851.

"Sir,—

"As the period is fast drawing near when the reduced rate of postage is to take effect in Nova Scotia, and, as I perceive by the Provincial Act, that Provincial stamps are to be provided for the covenience of the public, and not being aware that any steps have been taken by the government to obtain them, I request to be informed whether His Excellency would authorize me to make application for a supply from the authorities of the General Post Office.

"I would beg to suggest that a requisition for 5,000 sheets, or more, be made, each sheet containing 240 Heads, which, at 3d., would be equal to £15,000, or £3 for each sheet.

"Also, £5,000 of 6d. stamps for double letters, or letters exceeding the half ounce; and also 60 "*defacing stamps*," for the use of the several Postmasters throughout the Province.

"I would further suggest that the *Head* to be something similar to that represented in the margin; the field to be *blue* instead of red, or any other color His Excellency would prefer.

"This supply would, I imagine, be sufficient for the first introduction of this reduced rate, when, should His Excellency think proper, other arrangements could be made for keeping up the supply.

"Should the Lieutenant-Governor approve of this proposition, I will apply to the Post Office in London by the next packet.

"I have, etc.,

"(Signed,) A. WOODGATE.

"THE HON'BLE.
JOSEPH HOWE."

A copy of the design mentioned in this letter is on the margin of the Letter Book. It is a large rectangular shape, in centre the head of the Queen, of a type somewhat like the early Mauritius, excepting that there is not any crown or wreath on head. This is drawn on a square of red—at top, "POSTAGE"; bottom, "Three Pence" in small script writing; left side, "NOVA" reading up, and at right side "SCOTIA" reading down; in each corner a small square, with figure "3" in it. The whole look of the design is much like the early Mauritius.

The "defacing" or cancelling stamp's design was very much like the one adopted, being the same oval shape, but the lines on face were perpen-

dicular, instead of horizontal, and the space for inserting the office a diamond, instead of circular shape.

This design for stamps did not likely go further than the office of the Provincial Secretary, to whom it was written, as it appears that stamps must have been ordered before this, as there does not appear to be time enough between this date and that when stamps were issued (Sept. 1st, 1851,) to have designs approved of and plates prepared. It is more than probable that the Hon. Joseph Howe, the Provincial Secretary, who, I am informed, was in London the winter previous, had designs then submitted to him and approved of, and ordered the necessary stamps without the knowledge of the Postmaster-General. At the same time he apparently had the power to decide on the design of the New Brunswick stamps, as may be inferred from the following memorandum, or perhaps the stamps of both colonies were bought together for the sake of economy. The memorandum is dated the 8th of July, 1851, and is copied from the same Letter Book.

"MEMO.

"When Mr. Howe made the application for stamps, it was proposed that after the first supply had arrived, the plates could have been sent out, and impressions taken off by engravers in Halifax. As Mr. Saunders, however, seems to report against the proposition, I would beg to suggest, for the consideration of the Government, that £10,000 worth of stamps for Nova Scotia, and a similar amount for New Brunswick, viz:—

3d.	£5,000
6d.	2,500
1s.	2,500

be furnished for immediate use, or should this amount be considered too small, to double the above numbers.

"I would also recommend that 200 half-pound canisters of obliterating ink be also provided—100 for the use of this Province, and 100 for New Brunswick, and directions for its use.

"(Signed, A. W.)

"W. H. KEATING, ESQ.

"*July 8th, 1851.*"

What amount of stamps were ordered could not be found out, nor can any trace of further orders be found until 1857, when an application letter was sent to the Provincial Secretary, and which will be copied later on.

It was mentioned in above letter that a proposal was made that the plates should be sent out and stamps wanted could be printed from here. This seems to be the opinion among English philatelists, as Mr. W. A. S. Westoby says in a letter to me of Feb. 6th, 1888, that he was informed by the makers of the plates, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., that the plates of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamp were sent out here on the same day, 6th August, 1851.

On receipt of this, I wrote Mr. F. M. Passow, who was chief clerk of the Nova Scotian Post Office Department, to enquire whether the plates ever

came here. He said: "I doubt if the plates were ever sent out to Halifax, I never saw them." To make this positive, we find in the letter to Provincial Secretary above referred, indisputable evidence that the plates were in England in 1857. The letter is as follows:

"GENERAL POST OFFICE, HALIFAX,
"July 2nd, 1857.

"SIR,—The stock of postage stamps procured from England some time ago being nearly exhausted, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to issue the necessary directions to Mr. Stanford, No. 6 Charing Cross, London, for a further demand, viz:—

"10,000	sheets of	3d.	postage stamps,	value	£20,000
2,500	"	" 6d.	"	"	"	10,000
1,250	"	" 1/-	"	"	"	10,000

"Each sheet to contain 160 labels of 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps, making each sheet of the value of £2, £4 and £8 respectively, and to be the color of those affixed on the margin.

"The last supply of stamps were furnished by Mr. Trelawney Saunders, who has transferred his business to Mr. Stanford. In applying for these postage labels, therefore, it will be necessary you should furnish Mr. Stanford with your authority to produce the key for opening the box containing the dies, which are now in the possession of the engravers, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch, who also are in posession of a key for the safe custody of the dies.

"It is particularly requested that the stamps may be forwarded at as early a period as possible, those remaining on hand being not only nearly expended, but much injured. When making the requisition it would be as well to caution the engravers not to pack the parcels too close, for when they are strictly confined they adhere and become useless, as was the case with some of the packages in the last supply furnished.

"I have, &c., &c.,
"(Sgd.) A. WOODGATE.

"The Hon.
"C. H. TUPPER, M. D.,
M. P. P., Halifax.

Only two requisitions for stamps (those of July 8th, 1851, and July 2nd, 1857,) for Nova Scotia can be found, although, no doubt, more than two supplies were sent.

Of those the 3d. dark blue, 6d. yellow-green, and the light shade of the 1/- are the earlier issue. After examination of a large number of specimens of the two lower values on the original cover, a dark blue 3d. or yellow-green 6d. is seldom found after Nov., 1857; from that date the light blue 3d. and dark green 6d. is the rule. At the time the last supplies were sent out in 1857, some sheets of the 3d. and 6d. were printed on an intensely blue paper, as I have in my collection a 6d. on this blue paper split and used as 3d. on original cover postmarked "Lunenburg, Dec. 7, 1859," and an entire one on envelope from same place Feb. (date indistinct) 1860. The 3 pence is on

a much bluer paper than the ordinary dark shades of same on blue paper of the earlier issue. Of the 6d. on blue paper I have only seen four specimens, and I have examined a large number of that value.

The later printing of the 3d was on a white paper, which was tinted blue on face by the ink or insufficiently cleaned plates; the 6d. is on a paper which shows a somewhat blueish shade in it.

SERVICE STAMPS OF CEYLON.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF L. BERGER IN "DAS PORTWERTZEICHEN," BY HENRY HECHLER.

ALL handbooks, catalogues and other philatelic publications of recent years speak with great praise of the stamps of Ceylon, and collectors are much interested in them. But many doubts are expressed as to the originality of the service stamps of that country.

Without stopping to enquire into the question whether they are authentic and thus worthy of being collected, some writers merely follow others through having no reasons for the opinions that they express.

We will approach the subject closer and endeavor to find out the truth for ourselves.

In the beginning of 1877 I received three sets of the Ceylon Stamps of the issues of 1864, 1867 and 1869, which were surcharged with the word "SERVICE." The set comprised seven different values. I had never seen them mentioned by either Moens, Pemberton or Moschkau, and my doubts were raised. I was led to enquire of a friend who had lived in Ceylon for many years, and from whom I had obtained many valuable stamps of that country, he replied that he could not pass judgment on them, but promised direct enquiry in that country concerning them. After a considerable time had elapsed the following reply came: that all Ceylon stamps were printed and surcharged in London, those surcharged "Service" with the others. They were received by the department and were intended to be used for official postage. They were received too late to be of any service as the currency had changed and they bore the old values. My friend added that that was all the information that he could give me so far.

These stamps not coming into use, they were unknown to the public until 1875. Pemberton, in his handbook of 1874, makes no mention of them. Moens in 1877 mentions them, and gives them as the issue of 1869. So does Evans, Meyer, Moschkau, Lindenberg, and the catalogue of the Imperial Post Museum. No English catalogue mention these stamps up to 1878. But Dr. Gray's world-known handbook contains a short sketch, which is not satifactory, especially as the year of issue is not given. It simply states that the stamps of types Nos. 2, 3 and 5 (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10d., 1s., 1 and 9d., and 2s., also a 1d. of 1868) are used for official correspondence surcharged with the word "service." The second edition of Pemberton's handbook gives the year 1878. He thus comes somewhat

nearer. He says that the official stamps (surcharged "service") were ordered, printed and forwarded to Ceylon, but they did not come into use because, in the meantime, a change in the currency had taken place. He goes on to say, "as used specimens have never been seen, it is questionable if they ever were employed for the purpose intended." The notice in Lindenberg's handbook gives it as a late rumor that such stamps were in existence, and adds that "what was printed in 1878 is not new to-day." It may be possible that the author offers this as an excuse for his want of knowledge. Perhaps it may be accepted as such. The note in Evans' latest catalogue states that issue of 1869 was surcharged service, but it appears that they never were used for their intended purpose.

The evidence is quite conclusive, and I was pleased to read the notice in Pemberton, which entirely concurs with my own views, based on information received through my friend from direct sources, as related above.

Except Pemberton, all others differ, as to the year of emission, from me. They give the year as 1869. The question, therefore, is: if the stamps had been in Ceylon in 1869, why did they not come into use? On the hand, if the stamps arrived there at or before the beginning of 1871, what then? The change in the currency from pounds, shillings and pence to rupees and cents occurred in 1871. It is certain from this that they, being of the old values, must have arrived too late to be of service. Had, however, it been determined to use them after the change it would have been necessary to surcharge them with the new values. It is rather surprising that this has never been done, as Ceylon has surprised the world by the variety of its surcharges of late years.

(To be continued.)

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

A. PALETE.

Northern Mutual Union Oswego, N. Y. S.

THESE were issued for the convenience of the patrons of the company, but were evidently never used for that purpose, the company having gone under, they were sold to the public. To Mr. W. P. Brown, of New York City, belongs the honor of having brought them to light in the early part of 1887.

In the centre is the numeral value in white, shaded dexter, 7½ m.'s high, on a ground of rayed *lath-work*, framed by three colored lines in the form of an indented octagon, in a solid square. At the top of the square is a white line, and at the side a white vertical line; next to it, on each side, a band of 19 white pearls on a solid ground *(vertical)*, and outside of these a band of cross colored oblique linens. Over the square, in a solid oblong, is "NORTHERN," and scrolls to dexter; at top, in white letters, decreasing in height to dexter, and below it "scrolls and MUTUAL" in white letters, increasing in height to dexter. At the base, on a curved solid tablet, is

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" 3, " —20c., " " " " "
" 4, " —25c., " " " " "

V.—WESTERN UNION.

These franks are only for the use of the stockholder, or those to whom the free use of the line is given, and were first issued in 1871. In the centre is the word "No." in solid letters, under it in *red* or other *colors* is surcharged the number of the *frank*. In a square, the ground of which is "WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY" repeated many times, shaded towards the bases. Over this square is a double curved solid tablet, on which is the words "TELEGRAPH COMPANY" in white letters; over this, in a solid arched tablet is "WESTERN UNION" in white letters; a white geometric ornament is directly over the square in center. Under the square at base is an oblong table containing the name of the President in solid script, and the word "PRESIDENT" at the base of tablet in solid letters. The ground work of the tablet is "WESTERN UNION" many times repeated in a series of geometrical circles in color. The entire engraving is on a tablet of vertical parallel lines. At the base of the design is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white letters on a solid ground.

Engraved.—Colored impression on white wove paper. Perf. 11; size 20 x 30.

No. 1, 1871. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; type 11; Scott & Co.
" 2, 1872. " vermil.; " " " "
" 3, 1873. " blue; " " " "
" 4, 1874. " brown; " " " "

Dated at sides in solid color.

No. 5, 1875. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; perf. 11, 25 & 30; type 12.
" 6, 1876. " vermil.; " " " " "
" 7, 1877. " mauve; " " " " "
" 8, 1878. " bistre; " " " " "
" 9, 1879. " blue, Norvin Green; " " " "
" 10, 1880. " rose; " " " " "
" 11, 1881. " green; " " " " "
" 12, 1882. " blue; " " " " "
" 13, 1883. " brown; " " " " "
" 14, 1884. " violet; " " " " "
" 15, 1885. " green; " " " " "
" 16, 1886. " mauve; " " " " "
" 17, 1887. " ———? " " " " "
" 18, 1888. " ———? " " " " "
" 19, 1889. " ———? " " " " "

VI.—The City and Suburban Tel.

Oblong, with value in the centre. "The City" in band at top, "and Suburban" in some oval band below. This band runs around the entire stamps. Value in numerals, and the word "Cent" or "Cents" and scroll in centre oval, all in black impression on white. The letters, lines and numerals being in white, and with black scollopes outside of the oval.

Litho.:—Black impression on white wove paper; imperf.; size 30x20.

No. 1, 1881—1c., black; imp.; 30 x 20 —
" 2, " —2c., " " " —
" 3, " —3c., " " " —

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AT AMSTERDAM.

WE have been requested to publish the following announcement:

Art. 1. "The Exhibition will be held in the House named "Eensgezindheid," Spui 12, Amsterdam and be opened to the Public on the 21st, 22nd and 23d of April from 11 a. m. to 5 p m.

"The formal opening in the presence of authorities, members and guests will take place on the 20th of April at 6 p. m.

"Art. 2. The Exhibition will be International and be open for the exhibition of Postage stamps, Unpaid stamps, entire postcards, letter cards, envelopes and newspaper bands, blank albums, (permanent as well as other ones), catalogues, works relative to Philately, Philatelic periodicals, drawings of former and present means of conveyance, drawings of the costumes of Postmasters, Postriders and Postmessengers, etc., heretofore and now.

"Art. 3. All exhibits, stamps, card, etc., must be fastened on sheets specially made for the purpose. These sheets are to be had at the price of 4 cents each; (see further Art. 5 of the General Conditions).

"Art. 4. Those who are already in possession of permanent sheets, can send them in, previded these sheets are not larger than 50 x 35 centimeters.

"None of the sheets or cartoons to be exhibited may be folded.

"Art. 5.—The number of objects to be exhibited is unlimited. Collections in albums will not be admitted. The exhibits will be placed under glass and be insured against fire. It is therefore necessary, that on sending the exhibits at the same time to state their value.

"Art. 6. Exhibitors do not want to pay rent, but on the other hand they are obliged to buy 3 tickets in the lottery, detailed in the Art. 6 of the Feneral Conditions.

"Art. 7. The disposal rewards are:

"(*a*) For the exhibitor of the greatest number of rare stamps: 1st prize—A large Silver Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*b*) For the exhibitor of the most complete collection of stamps, unpaid, cards, envelopes and newspaperbands of one and the same country: 1st prize—A large Silvergilt Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

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"Moreover Two Diplomas of Merit are put to the disposal of the Jury.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

"1. The Jury will be composed of five members, all of them being excluded from competition.

"2. Those who wish to exhibit their stamps, etc., during this Exhibition, are kindly requested to inform Mr. A. HUART, Chairman of the Committee, Nieuwendijk 114, Amsterdam, before the 1st of April.

"3. The objects to be exhibited must be delivered at Amsterdam on or before the 15th of April, free of freight and charges, and addressed to the Secretary of the Stamp Exhibition, Achterburgwal 215, Amsterdam.

"4. By Ministerial Resolution it has been allowed that all objects bound for this Exhibition can be imported free of income duty. Exhibitors will consequently only have to pay some petty expenses for Custom House formalities.

"5 For cartoons or sheets apply to Mr. JOH. K. KONING, Achterburgwal 215, with addition of a p. o. o. for the amount of the cartoons to be supplied and of the amount of price of the 3 tickets in the lottery, as mentioned in Art. 6 of the programme.

"6. In connection with this Exhibition a large Lottery of stamps, etc., will be held, for which tickets at 5 cents, for pre-payment to foreign countries, are to be had at the address of the Secretary of the Committee.

"7. All expenses for returning the exhibits, etc., are at the charge of the senders.

"8. The solemn distribution of prizes will take place on Wednesday, the 24th of April, at 8 p. m.

"9. The sale of stamps, etc., in the Exhibion Hall will not be allowed.

"THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXHIBITION."

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—Our contemporary, the *Timbre Poste,* has received some information from a correspondent regarding certain recent surcharges which it is well to bring to the notice of our readers. It is to the effect that the surcharge OFFICIAL on the 8 centavos depicted in our March number is spurious. The same correspondent states also that there are spurious surcharges of the second type, applied probably to all the values. It has been even applied to stamps obliterated in 1881, when it was only employed since 1884. The surcharges of OFFICIAL is also said to have been seen on some of the values of the last lithographed series, although the surcharge was suppressed on the 1st January, 1888. The Postmaster of the province of St. Luis not having noticed the circular which ordered the suppression of these surcharges, considered it quite natural to surcharge the 5, 10 and 15 centavos of the lithographed series with the word OFFICIAL in a horizontal line. The Postmaster-General, as soon as his attention was directed to this, informed the Postmaster of San Luis of the irregularity of his proceedings, and the further employ of these stamps was stopped.

As regards this latter piece of information the editor of the *Timbre-Poste* very justly observes that the story has somewhat of the air of romance about it, inasmuch as it seems very improbable that the post-offices receiving their supplies of stamps from the head office should consider themselves at liberty to provide such stamps as they may require.—*Ph. Record.*

Belgium—Letter card, 10c. carmine on rose, white inside. Adhesive 2c. red-brown. Post card, 10c. on blue, headed "Carte postale—Postkaart," in one line.

Brazil—The 700 reis, has value in circle, mauve on white. Perf. 12½.

Br. Bechuanaland—The word "Protectorate" on the ½d. comes in two sizes, 20mm. and 15mm.

Br. Guiana—Registry Envelope, 4c. red, 154x97mm., inscribed "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent."

The *Timbre-Poste* mentions the reeceipt on one of its letters of a stamp of the current type of postage adhesives, in which the word "POSTAGE" at the top of the frame is overprinted with the word "INLAND," and "REVENUE" is inserted in the lower part of the frame in lieu of the value, above which the value "72 CENTS" is introduced, the whole of the overprinting being in black.—*Ph. Record.*

Br. Honduras—The 2 cents on 6d. comes perforated both 14 and 12½.

Bulgaria—*N T. voor P.* illustrates new set in preparation. Lion in small oval at top. Value below in large figures. The set contains same values as the present.

Ceylon—Mr. Castle informs us that he has the 64 red-brown on which the surcharges of "Postage & Revenue," "FIVE CENTS," are inverted. We are not at all surprised to hear this. The only thing that surprises us is

that those very clever designers of surcharges in Ceylon have not also discovered half a dozen different ways of setting up the surcharge.

We have the 1 rupee 12 c. of a type nearly similar to that of the 2 c. 50 c., the only variation being in the ornamentation of that portion between the interior octagonal frame and the external frame carrying the inscriptions. The impression is on white paper, watermarked (crown) C C, and the perforation is 14.—*Ph. Record.*

Chili—*T. P.* mention Post-Cards 1c. carmine on green, and 2c. red on slate blue, with "Carte Postale" above "Union Postale Universelle."

Gold Coast—Adhesives, 1s. violet; 2s. brown.

Holland—In conformity with a Decree dated the 20th November last, three new values have been added to the existing series, viz., 7½ cents, 22½ cents, and 100 cents, and were issued on the 15th December last. Like the other values in the series, the impression is on plain white paper, and the perforation 12.—*Ph. Record.*

Italy—Mr. Rechert has shown us a post card 10c. brown or green, dated "88" and inscribed "Servicio Postale Per i Regimenti di Campagna in Abessinia. Gratis."

Mexico—The 20c. red, is on lined paper.

Nevis—The issue of the sixpence of the current type in pale red is announced on paper watermarked (crown) C A and perforated 14.—*Ph. Record.*

New South Wales—Through the kindness of Mr. Hagen, we have another value of the centenary series, with the defects of some of its forerunners magnified—too much crammed in a small space—presenting a very good specimen of the art of packing. On a solid circular ground of 9 mm. diameter there is the head of the Queen, as on the Jubilee coins, in the left upper corner, the arms of the colony on a shield just a little askew so as to fit well into the right lower angle, surmounted by a scroll inscribed ONE HUNDRED YEARS. From left to right an unmanageable scroll is crammed in, inscribed NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE, and in a small vacant space are four stars. At the foot, in a straight tablet, is the value—SIX PENCE. All these, except the stars, are securely packed with fruit and flowers. The impression is in carmine on paper watermarked (crown) N. T. W. In the specimen we have received the watermark is upside-down. Certainly the topsy-turvies have had it all their own way lately with the centenary issue. It is a sad blow to collectors of such things to find that the upright ones are the rarer of the two.—*Ph. Record.*

Nicargua—Post Card 2c. same as that of 1878, but "Tarjeta Postal Para el Interior" below stamp.

Norway—Two cards, inscribed "Jernbane Brevkort," one with winged wheel and crown at top, green on buff; the other has a round stamp at right, with arms and crown, inscribed "Norges Statsbane," red on buff.

Nowanuggur—Major Evans has 2 docra, on pale blue.

Philippine I.—*T. P.* publishes a decree providing that the ½c. and 10c. stamps, and the 20c. passport stamps are to be surcharged "2 4-8."

L'Excellentissime Gouverneur General of the Philippines is certainly overburdened with postage stamp work. By a Decree dated the 4th October last he has ordered 350,000 more stamps of 2 4-8 centimos (why not 2½ c.?) to be issued by surcharging

110,000 Postal Union stamps of 10 centimos.
219,500 postage stamps of ⅛ centimo.
20,500 passport stamps of 20 centimos.

A few months since the stamps of 2 4-8 c. de peso were surcharged to form other values, and now other values are surcharged to make this value. Besides which a considerable number of the 2 4-8 c. de peso have lately been surcharged with HABILITATO PARO GIRO, with 20 c. and 40 c. for use as bill stamps. Is all this absurdity merely for the purpose of giving employment to the officials? or is it a speculation on collectors not only connived at, but aided by *L'Excellentissime?* or is it to increase the sale of the stamps —a "trick of the trade?"—*Ph. Record.*

Russia—Envelope, 7 kop. on cream, 114x18 mm.

South Australia—We have a 1d. band, green on manilla, stamp of 1875 type, 146x284 mm,

Sarawak—Mr. Campbell has sent us a fresh portrait of the Raja, Sir C. J. Brooke, *a la* De La Rue & Co. It is a three-quarter portrait to the right, on a ground of horizontal lines, and is within an oval band, inscribed POSTAGE SARAWAK & REVENUE. The classical style has very properly been done away with, and the Raja is represented in the dress of ordinary mortal. Below his chin is a tablet, 10½ by 7 mm., printed in a different colour from the rest of the stamp, on which is the value in uncoloured numerals on a horizontally lined ground. The impression is on white wove paper, and the perforation 14. There is a "jubilee" line round the pane of the colour of the stamp. The design is the same for all the values, and the impression of the stambs, with the exception of the tablets, is in one or other of Messrs. De La Rue & Co,'s two doubly-fugitive colours.

Adhesive.	2 cents,	purple;	tablet	red.	
	3 "	"	"	blue.	
	4 "	"	"	yellow.	
	6 "	"	"	red-brown.	
	8 "	green;	"	red.	
	12 "	"	"	blue.	—*Ph. Record.*

Turkey—*Ph. R.* notes the 20 para stamp with background in brown, the tablet in pink, and overprinted in carmine.

United States—The 2c. of 1883 has been found in Europe on laid paper. Mr. Rechert has shown us a stamp printed in black on pink paper, about 46x29 mm. It is inscribed in three lines "U. S. Post Office Department—Officially sealed—opened through mistake by."

Wadhwan—The *Ph. R.* thinks this stamp is a fiscal.

Zululand—The 1½d. red of Great Britain is now surcharged "Zululand."

FROM the author and publisher, Mr. Joseph Leroux, we have received a copy of his *Coin Cabinet.* As a work on Canadian Coins it is complete, and should be in the hands of every coin collector.

AMONG the stamp firms that have come into prominence of late, the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., is certainly worthy of mention. The company having been organized two years ago by Messrs. H. Flachskamm, Charles Stegmann, and Louis Flachskamm, who, by their energy and enterprise, have brought it up to its present standard. Upon the dissolution of the American Philatelic Co., Mr. Wm. H. Nienstadt, of that firm was taken in as a partner, thereby making it a so much stronger combination. The company has now been incorporated at a capital of $10,000, and promises soon to stand foremost among its few competitors.

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THE new Exective Board have now got matters in running order, and is is hoped to make matters easily understood that all business transacted by any of the officers will be presented *monthly* through reports addressed to the Official Editor for publication. Any complaints or charges against members of the C. P. A., or complaints against members of other Philatelic Associations, can now be made direct to the Chairman of the Board, and the matter will be officially investigated. The services of the Board have already been called into action, and matters arranged satisfactorily, in a dispute which had arose.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, Toronto, has been appointed Librarian by the Board, *vice* Leighton resigned. The idea of the Board is to keep the Library in some central point where it can be of most service to local members. It will be of greater service in a large city than a small town. It is hoped that our members will send in their duplicates to Mr. Parker, and give that gentlemen all the assistance in their power to make it a success.

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NEW BRUNSWICK PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

IT is with pleasure we publish the following extract from the St. John *Gazette*, and congratulate our New Brunswick friends on their successful launching of this society into the philatelic ocean:

"NEW SOCIETY.

"The New Brunswick Philatelic Association held their first meeting January 24th, and started with fifteen members, the following officers being elected:—

"A. N. Hanson, President; O. Watson, Vice-President; F. Alwood, Librarian; J. H. Pattison, Treasurer; H. R. Donahoe, Secretary; T. Barker, Auctioneer; A. W. D. Knapp, Counterfeit Detector.

"After the meeting an exhibition of rare and curious stamps were made. Among the number shown was the N. B. O'Connell head, which is one of the rarest stamps in existence, the 1 shilling N. B. and N. S., many rare Canadian stamps of the first issue. The Mulredy envelopes of England and several other rare stamps, ranging in price from five to thirty dollars each. President Hanson was called on, and briefly addressed the meeting. He referred to the pleasure and profit to be derived from stamp collecting, and trusted that the Association of New Brunswick would soon be amalgamated with that of Canada.

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